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Agenda item 4

Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly

Draft report

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Introduction

1. By its resolution 52/188 of 18 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to convene a special session for a duration of three days from 30 June to 2 July 1999 in order to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. It also decided that the Commission on Population and Development should serve as the preparatory body for the final preparations for the special session.

I. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Commission on Population and Development acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly met at United Nations Headquarters from 24 to 31 March 1999. The preparatory committee held 6 meetings (1st to 6th) and a number of informal working group meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Chairman of the thirty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. Robert Louis Cliquet (Belgium).

B. Attendance

4. In accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 52/188, the Commission acting as the preparatory body for the special session was open-ended to allow the full participation of all States.

5. The following States were represented:

[To be included]

6. The observer for Palestine attended the session.

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7. The following United Nations bodies were represented:

[To be included]

8. The following specialized agencies were represented:

[To be included]

9. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers:

[To be included]

10. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

[To be included]

C. Election of officers

11. At the 1st meeting, on 24 March 1999, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh)

Vice-Chairmen: Elza Berquó (Brazil)
Ross Hynes (Canada)
Armi Heinonen (Finland)
Jacob Botwe Wilmot (Ghana)
Patricia Durrant (Jamaica)
Ryuichiro Yamazaki (Japan)
Alexandru Niculescu (Romania)
Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka (Uganda)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Gabriella Vukovich (Hungary)

D. Agenda

12. At its 1st meeting, on 24 March 1999, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.9/1999/PC/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Preparation for the special session of the General Assembly.
4. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly.

E. Documentation

13. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session had before it the following documents:

(a) Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.9/1999/PC/1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/2);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Forum for the Operational Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/3);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/4);

(e) Note by the Secretariat on the organization of work for the session (E/CN.9/1999/PC/L.1);

(f) Draft decision submitted by the Chairman on arrangements for the accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.9/1999/PC/L.2);

(g) Draft report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session (E/CN.9/1999/PC/L.3);

(h) Draft working paper submitted by the Chairman on proposals for key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/CRP.1 and Rev.1);

(i) Note by the Chairman on the draft provisional agenda and organizational matters for the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.9/1999/PC/CRP.2);

(j) Information note by the Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session, on the establishment of the list of speakers for the general debate in plenary of the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.9/1999/PC/CRP.3).

II. Preparation for the special session of the General Assembly

14. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session considered item 3 of its agenda, entitled "Preparation for the special session of the General Assembly", at its 1st to 6th meetings, on 24 to 26 and 31 March 1999. The preparatory committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/2);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Forum for the Operational Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/4);

(d) Draft working paper submitted by the Chairman on proposals for key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/CRP.1).

15. At the 1st meeting, on 24 March, the following introductory statements were made: the Director of the Population Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC.2); the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund introduced the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Forum for the Operational Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/3) and read out a statement by the President of the Hague Forum, Mr. Nicolaas Biegman (Netherlands); and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund introduced the report of the Secretary-General on proposals for key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/4).

16. At the same meeting, the Chairman introduced a draft working paper submitted by him on proposals for key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1999/PC/CRP.1), which the preparatory committee agreed to use as the basis for its negotiations.

17. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were also made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and its associated States), Japan, China, Kazakhstan, India, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, Bangladesh and Indonesia.

18. At the 2nd meeting, on 24 March, the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), made a statement.

19. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Canada, Switzerland, Argentina, Guatemala, Zambia, the Holy See, Croatia and Colombia. The representative of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (UNAIDS) made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The observers for the following non-governmental organizations accredited to the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session made statements: Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development; Center for Reproductive Law and Policy; Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith and Ethics; World Population Foundation; and Catholics for a Free Choice.

20. At the 3rd meeting, on 25 March, statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Mexico, Venezuela, Cuba, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, Madagascar, France, Azerbaijan, Côte d'Ivoire and Thailand. The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations also made a statement.

21. At the 4th meeting, on 25 March, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Romania, Peru, Uruguay, Panama, Pakistan, Benin, Ethiopia, Guinea and the Islamic Republic of Iran. The observer for Palestine also made a statement. The representative of Partners in Population and Development made a statement. The observers for the following non-governmental organizations accredited to the Commission acting as the preparatory

committee for the special session made statements: International Planned Parenthood Federation; Dutch Council on Youth and Population; Centre for Development and Population Activities; AVSC International (Association for Voluntary Surgical Contraception); Environmental Caucus; and World Information Transfer, Inc.

22. At the 5th meeting, on 26 March, the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women, Ms. Patricia Flor (Germany), made a statement.

23. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, El Salvador, Fiji (on behalf of Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu), Jamaica, Uganda, Ghana, Panama (in her capacity as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), Hungary, Turkey, Nepal, Bolivia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Jordan, Nigeria and Belize. The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement. The observers for the following non-governmental organizations accredited to the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session made statements: Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network; and Women's Coalition for the International Conference on Population and Development.

[To be completed.]

III. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly

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IV. Resolutions and decision adopted by the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly

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